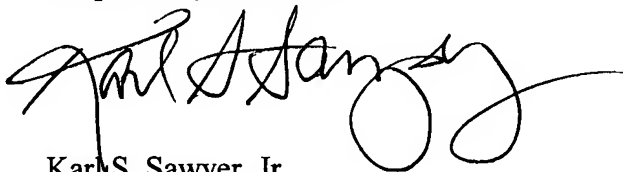


REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 31, 2008, was declared "final." The Office Action formally allowed independent claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-6, but rejected independent claim 7 under 35 USC 102(b) as assertedly being anticipated by Wassenhoven et al U.S. Patent 5,509,261. Applicants previously filed an Amendment After Final Action in response to the final action in which applicants presented an amendment to claim 7 and arguments supporting its allowability. By the aforesaid Advisory Action dated July 31, 2008, applicants were informed that the amendment to claim 7 was not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal and that the amendment would not be entered. Applicants are hereby cancelling claim 7 from this application in order to permit allowed claims 1-6 to proceed to issuance. Applicants' cancellation of claim 7 however is without prejudice to the right of the applicants to pursue such claim in a continuation application.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for formal allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karl S. Sawyer, Jr.", with a large, stylized circular flourish at the end.

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